

Tributes were paid to the President by almost every Democratic speaker from Acting Chairman Flood of the Rules Committee, who opened the debate, to Chairman Flood of the Foreign Affairs Committee, who closed it. To a man they insisted that the President did not want war. No one attempted, as was the case in the Senate last week, to say that anything that the President had said indicated he expected war.

#### MORE INFAMOUS CHARGE WAS NEVER DEVISED

It is charged that the President wants war, said Mr. Van Allen. The impugn of hell never devised a more infamous charge. Not man since Abraham Lincoln has gone through such a test as the President in the last six months to avoid war. He has tried to preserve peace. He would not sacrifice a single life to make himself President for his lifetime.

Mr. Flood decided that the President was impudent in his attempts to uphold international law.

"If we yield to Germany," he said, "we will have to yield to the allies, and the whole fabric of international law will crumble piece by piece. We cannot yield to Germany without admitting that the awful crime of the sinking of the Lusitania was justified. The only course to pursue is to stand up strongly for international law. This the President has done, and done in such a way as to save the rights and principles of humanity."

#### ARGUMENT IS REFUSED

BY REPRESENTATIVE FLOOD

Opponents of the administration made much of the proposal by Secretary Lansing to the allies on January 18, in which he said he thought the right to arm merchantmen was of doubtful legality. They held that the whole controversy with Germany hinged on that. Mr. Flood's answer was that the allies had declined to agree to the suggestion that they disarm merchantmen, and therefore the whole issue stood as it did before Secretary Lansing wrote his memorandum.

Representative Leinen of Wisconsin Republic, of the Rules Committee, quoted literally from the memorandum, asking, in the light of the contention of administration adherents that to warn Americans of American ships would be unpatriotic, if the secretary had been patriotic.

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#### WHEN DID DOUBTFUL RIGHT BECOME UNQUESTIONED?

Doubtful legal right is what the State Department terms this on January 18. When since then did it become an unquestioned legal right concerning which there can be no difference of opinion upon the part of patriotic Americans? Is your Secretary of State a patriotic American or not?"

"I propose to vote against tabling the resolution because if it is not voted there will then be no opportunity to amend it if the convictions of the House so desire, thus giving the House the opportunity to vote on a simple resolution for warning and thereby give notice to your President and my President that that right is not so clear, not so unqualified, as to justify this country in going to war for a violation of that sort of right."

Representative Hagan, Democrat of Alabama, dramatically called the roll of the Southern States to ask them where they stood. His answer came back from the Southern delegations that the South was with the President. The issue, Mr. Hagan said, was whether Congress would stand with "Lansing and the President" or Von Bernstorff and the Kaiser?

#### QUESTION IS, WILL YOU STAND BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

Representative Decker, Democrat of Missouri, replied,

"In Germany," he said, "the issue was, will we stand by the Kaiser? In England the issue was, will we stand by the King? In Russia the question was, will we stand by the Czar. The little vein of gold" if war comes we will all stand by the President of the United States. But this, thank God, is a representative government. And I wish to say to the instigating gentle man from Alabama the question now is, will you stand by the American people?"

I have stood by the President of the United States. I have stood by him in his efforts to carry out the mandate of the American people. He has said that if our American citizen on board a merchant ship is drowned by a German submarine without warning, he will hold Germany to strict account. Stripped of its diplomatic language, it means that if an American life is lost as the result of the sinking of an armed merchant ship without warning—it means war.

I am willing to go to war for an American right, but not for a doubtful legal right, as Mr. Lansing says. I am willing to go to war for an American right, but it must be a right in the name of God, why not a traitor and a coward when I stand in the hills where Henry Clay stood and say, You shall not hurt the miners and the farmers of my district into this hell of war; you shall not take the sons from the mothers of my district and send them to Verdun or to the trenches of Europe in order to maintain a shameful right?"

#### REPUBLICAN LEADER MANN

**URGES SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT**

Republican Leader Mann, who had been expected to take an active part in the struggle, made only one speech while the debate on the previous question was in progress. The burden of his remarks was that the President should be given a straight vote on a warning resolution.

Representative Shackford, Democrat of Missouri, raised genuine surprise by a speech urging the tabling of the McLeMORE resolution. It was due to Mr. Shackford's activities largely that the turnout for the passage of the resolution started. To-day

## How the House Lined Up Behind President Wilson

**WASHINGTON, March 7.—Following is a summary of the final vote on the motion to table the McLeMORE resolution:**

**Ayes—Democrats, 182; Republicans, 93; Progressives, 1; Total, 276.**

**Nays—Democrats, 33; Republicans, 102; Progressives, 5; Independents, 1; Socialists, 1; Total, 142.**

**United and not voting, 17.**

**The vote follows:**

**Ayes—Democrats—Abercrombie, Adamson, Aiken, Alexander, Allen, Almon, Ashbrook, Aswell, Ayres, Barkley, Burdett, Benkis, Bell, Blaikie, Booher, Borland, Brumagh, Burnett, Byrnes, South Carolina; Byrnes, Tennessee; Caldwell, Canfield, Cantrill, Canway, Case, Carter, Carter, Oklahoma; Casey, Cline, Condy, Collier, Connally, Clegg, Cox, Crisp, Crosser, Davenport, Dent, Dewitt, Dickenson, Dill, Dixon, Doolittle, Doremus, Douglass, DuPre, Engman, Edwards, Estep, Evans, Farley, Ferrell, Fields, Fliley, Flood, Gallagher, Galvin, Gandy, Gard, Gardner, Garrett, Glass, Goodwin, Goodwin, Gordon, Gray, Massachu-setts; Gray, Indiana; Griffin, Hamlin, Hardin, Harrison, Hart, Hastings, Hay, Hayden, Helton, Helm, Hollings, Holland, Hood, Houston, Howard, Huddleston, Hughes, Hubert, Hull, Tennessee; Humphreys, Mississippi; Jernigan, Johnson, Kentucky; Jones, Kettner, Key, Kinney, Kitchen, Lazear, Lee, Lester, Lever, Lewis, Lieb, Liebel, Littlejohn, Littlepage, Lloyd, McAndrews, McMillin, McMillin, McVeigh, Maher, Mayes, Montague, Moon, Morgan, Louisian Morrison, Moss, Indiana; Murray, Neely, Nichols, South Carolina; Ogleby, Oldfield, Oliver, Oliver, O'Shaughnessy, Overmyer, Padgett, Page, North Carolina; Park, Patten, Phelan, Poole, Price, Quinn, Ragsdale, Rainey, Raker, Randolph, Ranch, Rayburn, Rutherford, Rose, Rubey, Rucker, Russell, Missouri; Sabath, Saunders, Scully, Sears, Shackford, Sherley, Sherrill, Sims, Small, Smith, Texas; Sparkman, Stengall, Stedman, Steele, Pennsylvania; Stephens, Mississippi; Stone, Stont, Summers, Taggart, Tague, Talbott, Taylor, Arkansas; Thomas, Thompson, Tillman, Trubee, Venable, Vinson, Walker, Watkins, Watson, Vining; Webb, Whaley, William, Eliza Williams, Illinois; Wilson, Florida; Wilson, Louisiana; Wingo, Wise and Young, of Texas. Total, 182.**

**Nays—Republicans—Baldwin, Black, Brueckner, Buchanan, Illinois; Buchannan, Texas; Burgess, Bucke, Uvalda, Church, Dale, New York; Davis, Texas; Decker, Eagle, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Foster, Hammill, Henstey, Igno, Keating, Konop, Lohbeck, McLeMORE, Reilly, Shallenberger, Shouse, Sisson, Stayden, Smith, New York; Steele, Town; Stephens, Nebraska; Tavenor, Vandyke, 33.**

**Nays—Progressives—Anderson, Anthony, Austin, Bachrach, Bachfeld, Bennett, Britten, Browne, Wisconsin; Butler, Campbell, Cannon, Capstick, Cary, Chandler, New York; Charles, Coleman, Cooper, Wisconsin; Costello, Cranston, Davis, Minnesota; Denison, Dillon, Dowell, Drinker, Dyer, Elsworth, Esch, Fouch, Frear, Fuller, Garland, Goodgreen, Joynt, Haugen, Hawley, Hayes, Heaton, Helgeson, Herniman, Hill, Hollingsworth, Hopwood, Hull, Iowa; Hutchinson, Johnson, South Dakota; Kahn, Kearns, Kennedy, Iowa; King, Kincaid, La Follette, Langley, Leurton, Lindberg, Longworth, McFall, McNease, McNease, McNease, Madden, Manney, Moore, Delaware; Miller, Minnesota; Meekers, Mondell, Mooney, Moore, Pennsylvania; Morgan, Oklahoma; Moss, West Virginia; Mudd, Nelson, Norton, Powers, Ramseyer, Beavil, Roberts, Roberts, Massachusetts; Roberts, Nevada; Rodenberg, Rowland, Russell, Ohio; Siegel, Stemp, Stoen, Smith, Minnesota; Stinson, Steenerson, Sterling, Sullivan, Sutherland, Sweet, Switzer, Timmerman, Town, Volstead, Watson, Pennsylvania; Wheeler, Thomas S., Williamson, Illinois; Wilson, Illinois; Woods, Woods, Young, North Dakota. Total, 102.**

**Nays—Progressives—Cleary, Elkins, Nolen, Nolin, Schull, Stephens, Callahan, Total, 16.**

**Representatives Kent, Independent, and London, Socialist, voted in. Grand total, 142.**

**Those not voting were Clark, Floridian, paired with Chippewa; Taylor, Colorado, with Hillard, and Brown of West Virginia, with Hamm; Michigan. The absentees were Adair, Cullip, Dies, Dooling, Driscoll, Gregg, Henry, Loft, McDer-mot, Stephens, Texas. Total, sixteen.**

**he insisted that he still was for a warning resolution, but that if agitation for one had disturbed the President's diplomatic negotiations he was ready to vote against it.**

**Representative Goldfarb, Republican of Massachusetts, who clashed with the Democrats as frequently as any Republican in the House, urged tabling of the McLeMORE resolution.**

**In all the right nobody, except Representative McLeMORE himself, had a good word to say for the resolution about which all the storm centered.**

**The Republicans who fought tabling it did so only because they wanted a chance to substitute another drawn by Representative Campbell of Kansas.**

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